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SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR RETENTION OF U.S. "RADAR STATIONS"

SUMMARY: RIGHT-WING NAWAPHON MOVEMENT HAS EVIDENTLY LAUNCHED  
CONCERTED CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT FOR THE RETENTION OF SOME US  
"RADAR INSTALLATIONS". ONE MANIFESTATION WAS WIDELY  
REBROADCAST SPEECH OF POPULAR NOVELIST AND COLUMNIST THOMMAYANTI.  
ANOTHER WAS RALLY STAGED BY HOUSEWIVES OF PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S  
CLUB OF THAILAND ON MAY 17 IN FRONT OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS. END OF SUMMARY

1. IT APPEARS THAT THE NAWAPHON MOVEMENT HAS LAUNCHED A CONCERTED  
CAMPAIGN OF SUPPORT FOR THE RETENTION OF U.S. "RADAR  
STATIONS". ONE MANIFESTATION OF THIS CAMPAIGN WAS A SPEECH BY  
MRS. WIMON CHIAMCHAROEN BEFORE THE HOUSEWIVES AND PATRIOTIC  
PEOPLE'S CLUB ON MAY 16. MRS. WIMON, BETTER KNOWN BY HER PEN  
NAME THOMMAYANTI, IS AN AUTHOR OF POPULAR, SERIALIZED ROMANTIC  
NOVELS AND A COLUMNIST FOR THE CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER

BANG MUANG. SHE IS BELIEVED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NAWAPHON  
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MOVEMENT. HER SPEECH WAS REBROADCAST ON SIX RADIO STATIONS ON

MAY 16 AND AGAIN ON THE ARMoured DIVISION STATION ON MAY 17. THE GENERAL TENOR OF HER SPEECH WAS THAT THE RTG SHOULD ALLOW THE US TO RETAIN CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THAILAND FOR THE NATIONAL SURVIVAL OF THAILAND. THAILAND CANNOT TRUST ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, THE USSR OR THE PRC., WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED RADAR BASES IN LAOS. IT IS A FALLACY TO BELIEVE THAT THAILAND WILL HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IF ALL US FORCES AND BASES ARE PULLED OUT OF THAILAND. MOREOVER, BY FORCING THE US OUT, THE US WILL TURN AWAY FROM THAILAND. SHE ALSO POINTED OUT THE PROBLEMS THAT THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL FROM THAILAND WOULD PRESENT TO THE THAI MILITARY, CITING ICS, AIT AND THE TRAINING OF THAIS TO MAN AND OPERATE RADAR INSTALLATIONS.

3. THE SECOND MANIFESTATION OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS THE RALLY ORGANIZED BY THE SAME HOUSEWIVES AND PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S CLUB ON MAY 17. DURING THE RALLY, HELD IN FRONT OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE SPEAKERS ATTACKED THE NATIONAL STUDENT CENTER OF THAILAND FOR WEAKENING THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THAILAND BY INSISTING ON THE COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS. THEY ALSO CRITICIZED THE FORMER KHURKRIT GOVERNMENT AND PRESENT FOREIGN MINISTER PHICHAIRATTAKUN FOR ALLEGEDLY YIELDING TO THE DEMANDS OF THE STUDENTS.

4. IN A LEAFLET CIRCULATED AT THE MAY 17 RALLY THE PROTESTING GROUPS DEMANDED IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF THE DISMANTLING OF THE "RADAR INSTALLATIONS"; REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE RADAR BASES; AND TRAINING OF THAIS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADAR EQUIPMENT BY US RADAR EXPERTS.

5. OTHER GROUPS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE RALLY OF ABOUT 2,000 ADULTS (MOSTLY MIDDLE-AGED) WERE THE ORCHID CLUB OF THAILAND; THE NATIONAL REFORM MOVEMENT; AND THE THAI PROTECTION GROUP. AMONG THE SPEAKERS WERE CAPT. AMNUAI PHANPRASOET, A RED GAUR LEADER AND CHAKCHAI YOTHIN, A COLUMNIST FOR THE CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER BANG MUANG.

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